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Disinfection of vessel at Philadelphia on account of tuberculosis.

The following is received from Surgeon Irwin under date of March 14: The forecabin of the tug *Valley Forge*, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, was disinfected in accordance with instructions contained in Department Circular No. 15, February 11, 1902.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.

The following telegrams have been received from Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, at Laredo, Tex.:

MARCH 19, 1904.

Fumigated 31 houses, containing 68 rooms; inspected 120 premises, 367 persons, and treated 203 water containers.

MARCH 20, 1904.

Fumigating force returned to Tordillo to-day; inspected 197 premises, 779 persons, and treated 338 water containers. Sauvignnet instructed as directed in Bureau telegram of yesterday.

MARCH 21, 1904.

Summary report for week ended March 19: Fumigated Minera, 89 houses, containing 254 rooms, and Palafox, 56 houses, containing 96 rooms, and at Laredo, 60 houses, containing 132 rooms. Fumigated to-day in Laredo 10 houses, containing 23 rooms. Inspected 196 premises, 674 persons, and treated 212 water containers. Temperature to-day 105° maximum and 68° minimum.

MARCH 22, 1904.

Fumigated Laredo, 32 houses containing 84 rooms. Inspected 312 premises, 1,106 persons, and treated 397 water containers. Am dividing the city into districts, selecting inspectors as fast as I can secure them. Am unable at this moment to say the number that will be required.

Correspondence relative to prevention of the recrudescence of yellow fever along the Texas-Mexican border.

[Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, March 5, 1904.

State Health Officer TABOR, Austin, Tex.:

Have just received telegram from Frick, at Laredo, stating city council, March 3, after statement of their inability by reason of exhausted treasury, had passed the following resolution:

(Quoted in full below.)

A RESOLUTION.

Whereas it is generally believed that yellow fever exists all seasons of the year in Vera Cruz, Republic of Mexico, which point is of no great distance from Laredo, and is in daily railway communication with this city;

And whereas the warm season is rapidly approaching, and the quarantine heretofore established and maintained against Vera Cruz has not been of such nature as to inspire confidence or arrest the spread of the disease;

And whereas the city of Laredo has in the past five years suffered so intensely from the blight of droughts and epidemics that her financial condition is strained to the limit of the constitution and her treasury exhausted, and is therefore unable to